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CONJUGATE, AND PRODUCTION
METHODS THEREOF

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed October 20, 2009, for which a response is due November 20, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Restriction was required between the claims of Group I, claims 1-2, and 5; Group II, claims 3-4, and 17-18; Group III, claims 6-7; Group IV, claim 8; Group V, claims 9-11; and Group VI, claims 12-16. The applicants hereby provisionally elect Group III, claims 6-7 for continued examination.

The invention identified by the Examiner as Group III has been elected without traverse. As no further restriction or election requirement was described, this is believed to be a complete response to the present Office Action.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal form is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing **Docket No. 247322003700**. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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